

Phase 1- How are we doing and what is working?

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The first phase answered the questions of “how are we doing?” and “what needs additional work?”. Phase 1 consisted of initiating public discussion of the 2003 TMP Update by educating the committees and public on the assessment of progress made under the 1996 TMP. This phase of the public process included a concerted outreach effort to acquire meaningful input from the county, surrounding communities, public transportation providers, commuters and other significant stakeholders.

Results of Phase 1

As a result of the assessment of results since 1990, two primary findings were made. The first was to “Stay the Course” and continue to implement the modal improvements for automobile, transit, bicycle and pedestrian. The second finding was that there are four focus areas that should be emphasized as part of the TMP Update.

- Funding
- Multimodal Corridors
- Regional Travel
- Transportation Demand Management (TDM)

Why These Four Focus Areas?

Funding

Providing transportation facilities and programs requires public funding, yet the current Transportation Master Plan is only about two-thirds funded. Job and population growth increases the demand for travel and will require additional investment to meet travel increases while maintaining the quality of life of the community.

Multimodal Corridors

The multimodal corridors are the major transportation facilities providing for travel across town and connecting with the regional transportation system. The 1996 TMP identified these corridors and calls for improving all modes of travel along them. As these corridors carry a majority of the trips in the community and link important activity and commercial centers, maximizing their efficient trip carrying ability requires improving the relationship between the multimodal transportation system, land use and design along these corridors.

Regional Travel

Significant growth in the number of employees working in Boulder, but living elsewhere, highlights the need for improved regional connections. Such improvements will only occur where corridor plans, funding, and collaboration with other communities and agencies are established.

Transportation Demand Management

When community or environmental impacts and costs limit expansion of the transportation system, improving the management and utilization of the existing system becomes a primary strategy. Boulder is largely developed and will not grow outward due to its open space, so managing the existing system will be an increasing contributor to meeting the city's transportation goals.

Summary of Analysis from Phase 1

How Are We Doing?

Achievement of 1996 TMP Policies, Goals and Objectives: (22.05 KB) This is a one-page summary of the progress made on the key policies, goals and objectives in the 1996 Plan Update. On the front page a check-mark evaluation is provided for each line, which is then supported by a brief statement on the opposite side. These statements are intended to be a bridge between the summary matrix and the material contained in the Transportation Annual Report (3.41 MB) and the Transportation Report Card presentation.

Achievement of 1996 TMP Policies, Goals and Objectives – Results: (10.24 KB) This one-page report presents the results achieved toward the objectives of the 1996 TMP. Three graphs present the data collected over the last 11 years relative to the three objectives where data is available. The fourth objective relating to the percent of the system congested requires running the transportation model which will occur later in the Update process.

What Should We Work On?

Macro-Level Assessment: (26.27 KB) This matrix answers the question of what to work on for this 2003 Plan Update and is the transition piece between Phase I and Phase II of the process. The first column, “What has/has not happened since the 1996 TMP Update? What have we heard/observed?”, presents observations on what has changed in Boulder and draws upon the Study Committee's work at its second meeting. The second column, “What can we conclude?”, presents conclusions related to those observations. The third column, “What should the TMP Update Address?”, highlights areas of emphasis for this 2003 plan update and was the focus of the Study Committee's third meeting. Five policy focus areas

were identified through this work and are presented to the right of the text columns: funding, multimodal corridors, regional travel, TDM for the TMP Update, and the linkage to the Jobs to Population Project (now called Jobs/Housing Project). The work tasks identified in the third text column are identified with their primary policy focus area with a large X, and to secondary focus areas with a smaller X. These policy focus areas will guide our work for the next phase of the 2003 TMP Update, Policy Refinement.

Meetings Related to Phase 1 City Council

June 19, 2001 - [View the meeting agenda \(34.44 KB\)](#)

- March 19, 2002: City Council Recommendations – [View the council agenda material \(98.27 KB\)](#)
Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

February 12, 2001

- April 9, 2001

- May 14, 2001 - [View the meeting agenda \(30.77 KB\)](#)

- September 10, 2001

- December 10, 2001

- February 11, 2002 - [View the meeting agenda \(19.09 KB\)](#)

- March 11, 2002 - [View the meeting material](#)

Study Committee

Meeting #1: November 19, 2001 – [View the meeting minutes \(87.39 KB\)](#)

- Meeting #2: December 17, 2001 – [View the meeting minutes \(18.61 KB\)](#)

- Meeting #3: February 4, 2002 - [View the meeting minutes \(84.81 KB\)](#)

TDM Subcommittee

- Meeting #1: February 28, 2002 - [View the meeting minutes \(18.67 KB\)](#)

Public Forums Open House

February 25, 2002 - "How are we Doing?"
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